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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Cohn, et al.

Serial No.: 09/862,427

Group Art Unit: 2825

Filed: May 21, 2001

Examiner: Bowers, Brandon

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING POWER DISTRIBUTION USING  
STATIC TIMING ANALYSIS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's consideration of this case during teleconferences conducted between the Examiner and Applicant's undersigned representative on June 23, 2004 and June 29, 2004. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's helpful comments and suggestions for allowing the case, and hereby submits a Statement of Substance of Interview as follows:

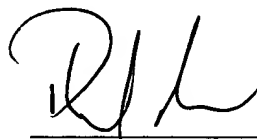
- 1) That on June 23, 2004 and June 29, 2004, Examiner Bowers and Applicant's undersigned representative conducted teleconferences and discussed claims 1-40 of the present Application;
- 2) That during the teleconference on June 23, 2004, the Examiner proposed some claim amendments, to which Applicant submitted a counterproposal including draft claim Amendments via facsimile to the Examiner. The Examiner indicated that the claims amendments indicated in the facsimile would allow the case;
- 3) That during a teleconference on June 29, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the

claims would need to be further amended to allow the case. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that claim 1 would have to be amended to recite “plurality of cells within said at least one power grid”(e.g., at line 6) and to replace “extracted power grid information” on lines 7-8 with “extracted signal net information”. Applicant did not consent to the Examiner’s proposed additional changes.

- 4) Due to a lack of final agreement between the Examiner and Applicant, the Examiner indicated to Applicant’s undersigned representative that he would issue a Quayle action. Applicant’s undersigned representative responded to this indication by stating that Applicant would respond to the next Office Action accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 7/19/04



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